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ENPBIFQ612852 2/ FVCA/R8-72, FOLLOW-UP NR ONE AND FINAL TO SPOT
REPORT, 2/ VCA/R244-72, 188159Z. TACREP SONGBIRD PASEP TANGO FOXTROT,
128515Z. AVN/AVIA-A, DAMC-A/I. KUS/AVIA-A, DAMC-A/M SONGBIRD MIG-17 AND
POSSIBLE F-4 SHOOTDOWN
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BETWEEN \$6\$1Z AND \$6\$8Z ON 15 MAY 72, NVN TAC COMMS REVEALED THAT A MIG-21 SHOTDOWN AND UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT (POSSIBLY AN F-4) IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. AT \$6\$2Z THE MIG-21 PILOT HAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS MINGMAN TO EXTEND DISTANCE AND ATTACK. ONE MINUTE LATER BOTH PILOTS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE TARGET WAS \$BURNING\$ AND HAD \$BURST INTO FLAMES\$. THE HINGMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT THO (PEOPLE) HAD BAILED DUT. AT \$6\$5Z THE MIG-21 PILOT CONFIRMED HE HAD SHOTDOWN ONE AIRCRAFT. BETWEEN \$559Z AND \$6\$7Z, NVN TAC COMMS REFLECTED THE SHOOT-DOWN OF A MIG-17 BY AN F-4 IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. AT \$559Z THE MIG-17 PILOT DROPPED AUXILARY TANKS. THREE MIUTES LATER HE WAS TOLD TO MANEUVER (TO AVOID) AN F-4. AT \$6\$2Z THE MIG-17 PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO BAILOUT. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT THE DOWNED PILOT. COMMENTS, A COLLATERAL SOURCE REPORTED THAT AN F-4 WAS LOST OVER HAIPHONG AT \$6\$5Z XXHH 25\$ \$\$\$88 NNNN

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